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Debris piles up at Doc Harris Stadium as members of Team Construction spent the last week knocking down a special place of Camas history, piece by piece.

Doc Harris reduced to rubble



Doc Harris Stadium reached its breaking point Monday.



The last seats in the house that Camas athletics built come crashing down.



You to the press box, or what is left of it

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Monday, 2 p.m., marked the end of Doc Harris Stadium. The roof snapped, crackled and popped when a few support beams were pulled out of place. After a few tugs by a bulldozer, a longtime Camas landmark came crashing down.

"It was a team effort," said Eric Baillargeon, project superintendent from Team Construction.

"It didn't fall on anybody," he added. "So, that's good news."

Baillargeon and a group of workers spent the last week dismantling Doc Harris Stadium, piece by piece.

The locker room and concession stand were the first casualties, along with a few lighting fixtures.

Bulldozers knocked down the wall holding up the bleachers. Each bench was also reduced to rubble.

Bus riders from Helen Baller Elementary and Liberty Middle School were given a ringside seat for the Doc Harris demolition. The roof came crashing down just before school was out.

Clean up will continue throughout December. Team Construction and Camas School District officials are hoping to break ground on the new, 12,078-square foot stadium after the New Year.

The Papermakers, and the Camas community, gave old Doc Harris a fond farewell this fall. On Oct. 30, a stadium record 5,000 fans attended the Camas-Union rivalry football game.

On Nov. 7, the Camas girls soccer team beat Lakeside in the final game at the old stadium. Coach Roland Minder had these words to say about the place the Papermakers have always called home.

"Doc Harris, we love you!"